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HB0092, Public schools-crisis management plans.

Sponsors: Representative(s) Teeters and Senator(s) Coe

Comments

Judging by the title, one would think that the legislature finally figured out that the government schools are in crisis and need serious change. Alas, no, this is about co-ordinating the response to a crisis on a school campus, e.g. an active shooter. A good idea, but do we need state-level micromanagement? Don't school districts currently co-ordinate with their local law enforcement and other first responders? Good idea, flawed implementation.

A: This bill contains an appropriation of \$150,000 from the SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND to the Department of Education. Not a bad idea but something of an exercise in micro-management. A more decentralized approach would be to require that every school in the state have an emergency management plan that meets the perceived needs of the local school district and the approval of the local sheriff. State and national standards (not requirements) can be referenced as guidelines, but the final approval should be the local sheriff and not bureaucrats removed as much as 300 to 2000 miles away from the local situation. All the Department of Education should be worried about is whether each school has an emergency management plan that has been signed by the local sheriff on an annual basis or suchlike.

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